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1. AT MARCH 12 SPC MEETING, ACTING CHAIRMAN (KILLHAM) STATED THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPRESENTATIVE ON THE AHG HAD REPORTED THAT AT THE APRIL 10 PLENARY SESSION, A FLANK STATE REPRESENTATIVE WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON FLANK SECURITY, VERIFICATION, AND STABILIZING MEASURES. SYG REP HAD ALSO REPORTED THAT AHG WISHES ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE IN TIME FOR THAT MEETING.

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2. BELGIAN REP (BURNY) AND FRG REP (HOYNCK) BOTH THOUGHT THAT AHG WOULD NEED TO CLARIFY ANY NEED IT HAD FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON STABILIZING MEASURES. ACTING CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD MAKE THIS INQUIRY WITH THE SYG REP IN VIENNA.

3. TURKISH REP (GUR) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WANTED HIM TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF FLANK SECURITY. TURKEY HAD INITIALLY WANTED PRECISE MILITARY MEASURES, AND HAD EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED POLITICAL MEASURES IN THE FORM OF THE SPC DRAFT GUIDANCE. TURKISH AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE ALLIES SHOULD RESOLVE THIS QUESTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HE INQUIRED WHETHER THERE WERE ANY CHANGES IN INSTRUCTIONS ON: (1) THE BELGIAN VS THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE ON GEOGRAPHIC AREAS; AND (2) WHETHER THE AHG SHOULD USE A FLANK FORMULATION NOW OR AT A LATER DATE. HE ADDED THAT TURKEY, FOR ITS PART, COULD ACCEPT EITHER THE BELGIAN OR THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE.

4. GREEK REP (RAPHAEL) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WOULD ALSO LIKE THE AHG TO BE ABLE TO USE A FLANK FORMULATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

5. U.S. REP (MOORE) SAID THAT WASHINGTON'S CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS STILL APPLIED (REF A.) I.E. THAT THE U.S. SUPPORTS THE SPC DRAFT GUIDANCE, WITH THE BELGIAN LANGUAGE ON GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, FOR USE WITH THE EAST AT AN EARLY DATE. U.S. ALWAYS HAS ISSUES LIKE FLANK SECURITY UNDER REVIEW, AND DOES AT PRESENT. ITALIAN REP (CIARRAPICO) AND GREEK REP SAID THAT THEIR INSTRUCTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE ON GEOGRAPHIC AREAS HAD NOT CHANGED.

6. TURKISH REP REQUESTED THAT FLANK SECURITY RETURN TO THE SPC AGENDA AT SPC MEETING THURSDAY, MARCH 20. THIS WOULD GIVE THE ALLIES TIME FOR REFLECTION. HE SAID THAT AT THE BEGINNING OF ALLIED DISCUSSIONS ON FLANK SECURITY, TURKEY WAS "THE MOST EXTREME". HOWEVER, IF WE ARE EXTREME, WE WILL NEVER REACH A CONSENSUS. HE SAID HE WANTED TO APPEAL TO THE DELEGATIONS TO ATTRACT THE ATTENTION OF THEIR CAPITALS TO THE NEED FOR CONSENSUS.

7. COMMENT: TURKISH REP'S STATEMENT THAT TURKEY CAN ACCEPT EITHER THE BELGIAN OR THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE ON GEOGRAPHIC AREAS REPRESENTS A DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS TURKISH STATEMENTS ON THIS MATTER, WHICH ALWAYS STRESSED THAT TURKEY PREFERRED THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE, ALTHOUGH IT COULD ACCEPT THE BELGIAN LANGUAGE.

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WASHINGTON GUIDANCE PER REF A WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL IF RECEIVED IN TIME FOR THE SPC CONSIDERATION OF FLANK SECURITY REQUESTED BY TURKEY ON MARCH 20. IF THE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME, AND IF OTHER DELEGATIONS HAVE NOTHING BEYOND THEIR OLD INSTRUCTIONS, MISSION WILL SUPPORT A FURTHER PERIOD OF REFLECTION.

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